Sl.No.	Name of Company	Minerals	No. of RPs
4.	M/s. Geo Mysore Services India Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond, gold, copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel, tungsten, antimony, bismuth, arsenic, cobalt, molybdenum, platinum group of metals.	7
5.	M/s. AMIL Mining India Pvt. Ltd.	Diamond, gold, precious stone and associated minerals.	6
6.	M/s. Anglo American Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Copper, nickel and associated mineral.	3
7.	M/s. NMDC Ltd.	Diamond	1

Cash reward to soldiers

†2231. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Government of Pakistan gives cash reward to its soldiers for killing jawans and officials of Indian army posted in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) There are no definite inputs to indicate that monetary rewards are being provided to Pakistan Army soldiers for killing Indian soldiers and officers posted in Jammu & Kashmir.

Use of symbols in Cantonment Board Elections

2232. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) in how many Cantonments the Board Elections are contested on political party symbols and in how many it is contested without political party symbols;

(b) whether the Cantonment Act, 1924 specifies Cantonment Board elections on political party symbols;

(c) if so, whether Government had issued any administrative directions

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

in 1973 to avoid allotment of symbols reserved for political parties in Cantonment Board Elections;

(d) if so, the reasons for elections in some Cantonments being held on political party symbols despite directions of Government; and

(e) whether Government propose to issue directions to such Cantonment Boards to hold elections without political party symbols?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) In 12 Cantonment Boards elections are contested on political party symbols while in the remaining except Badami Bagh where position is not verifiable due to records burnt during the last terrorist attack, elections are not contested on political party symbols.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Presidents of Cantonment Boards have been advised to brief the Returning Officers, not to allot as far as possible and in their discretion party symbols to candidates contesting Cantonment Board elections.

(d) & (e) Neither the Cantonments Electoral Rules, 1945 nor the 1973 letter have prohibited use of political party symbols in Cantonment Board elections. It is the discretion of the Returning Officer to allot symbols to the candidates in conformity, as far as possible, with their choice as per Rule 22-C (3) of the Cantonment Electoral Rules, 1945.

Storage of Ammunition

2233. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 5182 rounds of ammunition valued at Rs. 1.16 crore issued to user units were declared unserviceable due to improper storage by an Ammunition Depot, Dappar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken so far to avoid the recurrence of such loss in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Out of 78983 rounds of 30 millimeter ammunition issued by